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1. MISSION WOULD OF COURSE BE PREPARED TO RAISE IN "LOW-KEY MANNER" WITH KOZOBRODOV OR BYKOV, KOZOBRODOV'S HAVING DISCUSSED WITH MISSION OFFICER OFFENSIVE KBW POSTERS (REF A) IF DEPARTMENT SO WISHES. WE MUST CONFESS TO SOME PUZZLEMENT, HOWEVER, WHY THE BONN GROUP CONSIDERS KOZOBRODOV'S RECENT, INFORMAL, REMARKS TO A MEMBER OF THE ALLIED AUTHORITIES IN BERLIN (REF B) TO BE MORE OFFENSIVE THAN THE OFFICIAL DEMARCHE WHICH HE DELIVERED TO THE SENAT CHIEF OF PROTOCOL LAST DECEMBER (REF G) DEMANDING THE SENAT CONFISCATE "GREZHNEV TERRORIST" POSTER. (ADDRESSEES WILL RECALL THAT BERLIN AUTHORITIES SUBSEQUENTLY CONFISCATED THESE POSTERS TO THE SATISFACTION OF THE SOVIETS). ALLIES CHOSE NOT TO OBJECT CONFIDENTIAL

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TO ANY OF KOZOBRODOV'S DISCUSSION WITH SENAT CHIEF OF PROTOCOL AT THAT TIME. AGAINST THIS BACKGROUND, WE BELIEVE APPROACH TO SOVIETS ON SUBJECT OF RECENT KOZOBRODOV-MISSION OFFICER CONVERSATION WOULD BE CONFUSING AND SUBJECT TO REDICULE.

2. WITH RESPECT TO POINT MADE PARA 2 OF REF A, ADMINI-

TION GIVEN CONSUL GENERAL BYKOV BY U.S. PROTOCOL OFFICER (REF D), RESULTED BECAUSE BYKOV AND HIS DEPUTY DMITRIYEV HAD RAISED WITH THE SENAT QUESTIONS OF FRG ACTIVITIES IN WEST BERLIN, A MATTER DIRECTLY ADDRESSED BY THE QA AND FALLING INTO THE COMPETENCE OF THE SOVIET EMBASSY IN EAST BERLIN. WE BELIEVE DEPARTMENT SHOULD TAKE THESE POINTS INTO ACCOUNT WHEN CONSIDERING THIS QUESTION. GEORGE

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